

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

Attorney Docket No. 9013-31

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.
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For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the final Office Action dated April 30, 2007. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned directly should there be any remaining rejections after review of this Amendment.

It is not believed that any fee(s), are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is also hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants authorize that any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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